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In re application of: Pineo, et al.

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For: PLUG BYPASS VALVES AND HEAT EXCHANGERS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003. The Examiner indicated that Applicants' reply filed on October 23, 2002 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, which required an Election/Restriction. Applicants respectfully submit that the Reply of October 23, 2002 contained an inadvertent typographical error. Applicants elect the species of Figures 1 to 4. Claims 1-7 and 14-18 read on the species. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 14 are generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this **RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003 in an envelope as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

  
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